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FOR: ELECTRONIC BOOK CONTENTS RECORDING MEDIUM WITH
ELECTRONIC BOOK CONTENTS RECORDED THEREON,
ELECTRONIC BOOK TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND
ELECTRONIC BOOK DISPLAY APPARATUS

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated March 25, 2005 of the above-referenced application. Applicant responds to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-15, 17, 18, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,820,111 to Rubin et al. (hereinafter "Rubin") in view of U.S. Patent 5,367,623 to Iwai et al. (hereinafter "Iwai"). Claims 3, 10, 16, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubin in view of Iwai, and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,571,054 to Tonomura et al. (hereinafter "Tonomura"). Claims 4 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rubin in view of Iwai, and further in

view of Tonomura, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,524,201 to Shwarts et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

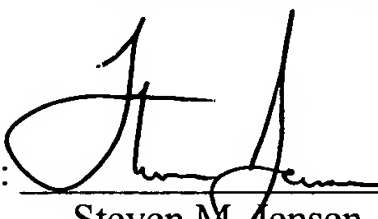
U.S. Patent 6,820,111 to Rubin et al. is **not** prior art to the subject application. Enclosed is an English-language translation of Japanese Application 11-226607, filed on August 10, 1999, from which priority is claimed. The filing date of this priority document antedates the effective date of U.S. Patent 6,820,111 to Rubin et al., which was filed on December 7, 1999. Applicant's claimed invention is fully described and enabled by Japanese Application 11-226607. Therefore, Applicant has perfected a priority claim in Japanese Application 11-226607, and the Rubin reference is **not** prior art to the subject application (see MPEP 706.02(b)).

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within response. However, if for any reason a fee is required or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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